



MINTURN BASEBALL TEAM.

Monroe Johnson	cf.	Leon Norton	3 b.	Roy Clark	ss.
Keller Smith	cf.	Tommie McSwain	2 b.	Howard Johnson	p.
Alex Cottingham	cf.	Mack McQueen	1 b.	Marvin Currie	c.

In 1919-20 won 15, lost 4.

**"Minturn"—District No. 6.**

They say there are people who like to say their school and community are the best in the county, and we are some of them. Feeling this to be but a small part of the real truth, we will proceed further with a written statement, and then if necessary throw open the book of records for the last half decade to your full and free inspection. You will find that our school, Minturn, has climbed above the average rural graded school of her size.

Let us look back to the beginning of 1919 and then to the present time and see what changes have taken place. Two miles south of Minturn, there stood the little Reedy Creek school house, and about the same distance north of Minturn, there stood Sinclair Cross school house. In modern times, we would call such buildings, in comparison to modern school buildings, dilapidated when they would have been completed. The above school shacks had no physical accommodations, with no effective cooperation surrounding them, not enough money, not enough leadership, no common interest and pride.

In the fall of 1913, some of our far-sighted citizens saw the need of a school reformation. The trustees of the two schools called an election, and after a little competition, there were thirty hundred dollar bonds voted. The plot on which the new building was to be constructed was bought for \$450. The new building at Minturn, has three large class rooms

and a music room. Each having a Smith's heating and ventilating system, plenty of light, sixty-five feet of hyloplate board, single desks, maps, charts, globes and a cloak room. Near the school house, we have a domestic science and agricultural hall, a large barn and automobile sheds.

The results of the consolidation are, that we have more money, more leadership and cooperation, better educational facilities, and a community center.

Minturn was the first to take the lead in the modern rural graded schools, let it not be our boast but let it be our glory. Many of the schools have surpassed us now. Our sinking funds are a little above the usual, and probably Minturn will take another leap real soon. As to the educational standpoint we are still in the race.

The ones who began this great movement, I could name them but will not, let us honor them in our speech, in our thoughts, and in our prayers, no praise is too good for them, for they deserve the highest.

Much of the success of Minturn school is due to the community spirit. We all know to have a good and efficient school there must be team work among the board of education, the board of trustees, teachers, patrons, and children. We take pleasure in saying that we have all these requirements. No one who has ever been around Minturn will dare to disagree with us. The patrons' criticisms are not ironical when there

are any criticisms to be made, but they are founded upon knowledge and experiences.

On Sept. 22, 1919, the command, "forward march, on to the firing line of knowledge" was given to the fifty six (56) sturdy soldiers by Prin. M. A. Wilson, Prof. T. L. Ayers, teacher of agriculture, Miss Annie Henegan, teacher of intermediate, and Miss Charlton John primary, and Miss Mattie Hamer, music. Later we had twenty (20) volunteers, making a total of seventy six (76). We had no slackers in the district for when the compulsory law came into effect, all the children of this district were in school, also a few from other districts.

Not in a boastful but truthful way, we lost no time on account of influenza, for instead of quarantining the school we quarantined the families who had it, and despite the fact of an eight month school, we will compare notes with any school in the county or state of our size. We are classed as a rural graded school, but we have many features of a high school.

We have a senior and junior baseball team of which we are proud. They have won fourteen games out of nineteen this year. We have a few more games scheduled in the Pee Dee section.

The girls have a first and second basket ball team; but due to the epidemic during the basket ball season, we played only three games, winning two of them. Our tennis tournament was also hindered by the epidemic, but we won the sets we play-

ed. We would like to add that much of our time of recreation is spent in supervising the games of the children.

The music department is in a splendid condition this year with a total of twenty students. We have had one recital and are planning for another one in May.

We have two manual training classes, one for the high school and one for the intermediate. A full and successful year's work has been accomplished. Also the high school and intermediate sewing classes have had a successful year's work.

The Hargrove Literary Society with an enrollment of thirty eight has shown much advancement in literary activities.

For the beautification of the school grounds, a hedge has been planted along all drive ways, magnolia and china trees have been put on the lawn, and shrubbery has been transplanted to correspond with the above improvements.

Our school entertainments have reaped due reward. During the year we have deposited with the County Treasurer two hundred and thirty two (\$232.00) dollars. We feel repaid for our labor.

Our enrollment according to grades is the following:

10th grade—7; 9th grade 9; 8th grade 8; 7th grade 5; 6th grade 5; 5th grade 2; 4th grade 4 3rd grade 8; 2nd grade 6; adv. 1st grade 7; 1st grade 16.

Due to the fact that many were late starting to school some dropping out early and other hindrances, we have had an average attendance of fifty six (56).

The two colored schools, Mount Zion and Hickory Grove have had a large enrollment and a report of a successful year. They are in the act of consolidating. They have bought their building lot in the town of Minturn costing them \$500.00.

Our requests are to have our school ground fenced, a large auditorium a few new desks, and a library. We feel assured that it will not be long until we will be supplied with them, for the community has the school at heart.

To the board of education, the board of trustees, and patrons of Minturn district, we extend the thanks for the privilege, we have enjoyed while being in Dillon County as teachers.

**Lake View Public School.**

May 7, 1920.

The Lake View School began its session Sept. 22, 1919. Only eighty-eight pupils attended the first day, with four teachers to instruct them. Within five weeks, however, the total enrollment of the school was more than two hundred, which of course caused the numbers in more than one class room to exceed the limit of fifty. In the meantime, another teacher had been secured.

Before the Christmas holidays, the school was using six teachers, with about two hundred and thirty-five pupils on roll. This number by far exceeded the comfortable seating capacity of both the class rooms and

the auditorium.

The patrons and trustees of the school soon realized the great necessity for a larger and more comfortable, as well as more modern seating capacity, and as a result the trustees immediately announced an election for an extra five-mill school tax in order to secure sufficient funds to finance an elimination of some of the unnecessary discomfort caused by such a circumstance. Fortunately, the election carried by a large majority. It was immediately arranged that \$1,500.00 be expended in the general improvement of the school building, including the installation of new and modern single desks in lieu of the old ones that are being used in some of the class rooms, and opera chairs in the auditorium. These were ordered immediately, but due to the fact that all the supply companies are so greatly rushed, the order has not as yet been filled. However, all are looking forward to the opening of next session with eager anticipation, for it is expected that at that time, the interior of the building will seem to have received a visit from the famous Aldin.

During the present session, at two entertainments of various amusements, the amount of \$378.64 was realized. This money was deposited with the county treasurer. Some of the amount has been expended for various little improvements of the school, and for a few athletic goods. The remaining amount is still in the county treasury, credited to the Lake View school.

So far the school has been classed under the head of Rural Graded Schools. However, due to the increase in the number of pupils and in the standard of the work, it will probably become a state high school, beginning next session. With the rapid growth of Lake View, the school bids fair to be a high school, accredited for entrance into the standard colleges and universities of our state and others within the next few years.

Regardless of the fact that several interruptions have delayed progress—namely, the epidemic of influenza, which caused a quarantine on the school for more than three weeks, a lack of a sufficient number of teachers to render to the pupils proper individual attention, and an inadequate seating capacity to afford comfort—the school has gone steadily forward in its work to the extent that, at the opening of the coming session, it is supposed that excellent material in both athletic and literary lines will be produced that will successfully compete with opponents from other schools in not only Dillon County but also in the State at large.

Sincerely yours,  
D. Leon McCormack, Princ.

**Commencement Exercises.**

Friday Evening, June 11th—Class Exercises.

Sunday Morning, June 13th—Commencement Sermon—Dr. Joseph D. Venerable, First Presbyterian Church Jacksonville, Fla.

Monday Evening—  
Monday Evening, June 14th—

Literary Exercises.—Address: Dr. W. J. McGlothlin, President Furman University.

Tuesday Evening, June 15th—Graduating Exercises.

Address: Dr. E. W. Sikes, President Coker College.

**Roll of the Eleventh Grade.**

Rosa Lee Bailey, Louise Elizabeth Blizzard, James McRae Bethea, Lillian Carlyle Burney, Nelle Caldwell, Ollie Boggs Hicks, John Frank Elliott, Emili Louise Moore Stackhouse, Margaret Raburne Wood, Reba Christine Nettles.

**Schools a Paying Investment for the State.**

Massachusetts spent \$16,013,000 or \$36.08 per pupil, on education. South Carolina spent \$1,687,000, or \$6.93 per pupil, on education during the same year.

That year Massachusetts citizens produced on the average \$295 more than did South Carolina citizens or a total of 993,092,720 more than South Carolina.

If Massachusetts gives 14 1-2 million dollars more to schools and her better educated citizens produce 993 million dollars more per year, how much profit does that state make on her investment in education?

Education is not a charity but the best paying investment.

**Distinguished Men of America and their Education.**

With no schooling of 5 million, only 31 attained distinction.

With elementary schooling of 33 million, 808 attained distinction.

With high school education of 2 million, 1242 attained distinction.

With college education of 1 million 5768 attained distinction.

The child with no schooling has one chance in 1,000 of performing distinguished service, with elementary education. He has four times the chance: with high school education, 87 times the chance: with college education, 800 times the chance.

What is your child's chance?

**Schools Winning County Prizes.**

The County Board of Education offered \$50.00, \$25.00, \$15.00, and \$10.00 respectively to the four Improvement Associations raising the most money and depositing the same with the County Treasurer. The awarding of these was based on the number of teachers employed.

The Board offered similar prizes for the greatest improvements in school grounds regardless of the size of the school.

The winners of the first group of prizes are as follows:

Pleasant Hill, 1st prize, \$50.00, raising and depositing \$501.47.

Bingham 2nd prize, \$25.00, raising and depositing \$418.18.

New Holly, 3rd prize, \$15.00, raising and depositing \$281.73.

High Hill, 4th prize, \$10.00, raising and depositing \$279.36.

The winners of the second group are as follows:

Latta, 1st prize, \$50.00.

Hamer-Kentire, 2nd prize, \$25.00.

New Holly, 3rd prize, \$15.00.

Little Rock, 4th prize, \$10.00.

# Farmers and Merchants Bank

## Latta and Marion

### South Carolina

Capital	_____	\$	100,000.00
Surplus	_____	\$	125,000.00
Deposits	_____	\$	1,500,000.00

*Your account appreciated whether large or small*